

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
) CASE NO. CR24-016 LK
Plaintiff,)
)
v.)
) DETENTION ORDER
DIEGO ARMANDO GARCIA CARDENAS,)
)
Defendant.)
_____)

Offenses charged:

1. Conspiracy to import cocaine
2. Distribution of Cocaine for the purposes of importation
3. Attempted importation of cocaine

Date of Detention Hearing: May 6, 2025.

The Court, having conducted a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f) and based on the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention hereafter set forth, finds that no condition or combination of conditions which defendant can meet will reasonably assure

the appearance of defendant as required and the safety of other persons and the community.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

1. Defendant has been charged with a drug offense, the maximum penalty of which is in excess of ten years. There is therefore a rebuttable presumption against defendant as to both dangerousness and flight risk, under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e).

2. Defendant poses a risk of flight because he was extradited to appear in the United States, he does not have ties to this District, has extensive family ties to Colombia including his six children, and has an unverified release plan. Defendant is a danger to the community based on the nature of the instant offense involving the distribution of large amounts of controlled substances, and information proffered by the government that he has a prior conviction in Colombia.

3. There does not appear to be any condition or combination of conditions that will reasonably assure the defendant's appearance at future Court hearings while addressing the danger to other persons or the community.

It is therefore ORDERED:

1. Defendant shall be detained pending trial, and committed to the custody of the Attorney General for confinement in a correction facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal;

2. Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with counsel;

3. On order of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility in which defendant is confined shall deliver the defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a

01 court proceeding; and

- 02 4. The Clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United States, to counsel for
03 the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and to the United State Probation Services
04 Officer.

05 DATED this 7th Day of May, 2025.

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07 S. KATE VAUGHAN
08 United States Magistrate Judge
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